

Name _____

Fair Press Fix Answer Key

Sample Responses

Task	Example Response
Biased or Loaded Language	1. "complete disregard for taxpayers' money" 2. "flashy, unnecessary renovation" 3. "fancy glass walls and overpriced furniture" 4. "furious" 5. "frivolous nonsense"
Neutral Rewrite	Mayor Dalton has proposed a renovation of City Hall that will include new glass walls and updated office furniture. The project is estimated to cost several million dollars. Supporters say the improvements will modernize the building and make it more energy-efficient, while some residents have expressed concern about the expense and allocation of funds.
Reflection (Sample Answer)	The rewritten version removes emotional and judgmental words, creating a more balanced and trustworthy tone. By presenting both viewpoints, the article shifts from persuasive to informative, allowing readers to form their own opinions based on facts.

Teaching Tips:

- Begin with a short discussion: "What makes a news story feel trustworthy?"
- Review **signs of bias** (e.g., adjectives like *outrageous*, *brilliant*, *disastrous*, or emotionally charged verbs like *attacks*, *saves*, *betrays*).
- Emphasize that neutrality doesn't mean emotionless; it means **balanced** and **fact-driven**.

Extension Activities:

- Give students two articles on the same event from different news sources. Have them identify differing biases and then **synthesize a single balanced version**.
- Use a color-coded system: highlight **bias in red** and **factual content in blue** before rewriting.
- Have students **peer edit** each other's rewrites, checking for fairness and precision.